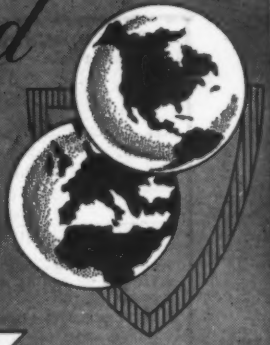


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Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Johnson

Brother Johnson was born in Mc-
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Jan. 8, 1911, he was married to Miss
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parsonage in Thomasville, Ga. To this
union were born 6 children, 4 girls
and 2 boys. Gladys is the wife of Rev.
D. L. Lemons, pastor of the Church of
God in Ft. Myers, Fla. Robert is in the
evangelistic work and lives in Cleve-
land, Tenn. Mildred lives in Miami,
Fla., where her husband is professor
in a military academy. Ella Mae's
husband is employed by Seaboard
Railway Company, and they also live
in Miami. J. P. is a chemist and is
employed by the Du Pont Company in
Nashville, Tenn. Sue lives in Miami,
Fla., and her husband is employed by
Eastern Airlines. Brother Johnson
states that all his children, all his
in-laws, and as many of the grand-
children as are old enough are Chris-
tians and belong to the Church of
God, the thing for which he has been
working all these years, and the fol-
lowing bit of his ministerial history is
full proof of this:

He was licensed in the Church of
God January 4, 1917, and ordained
August 11, 1918. He has served the
Church in the following capacities:
member of Supreme Council 17 years,
associate member of Supreme Coun-
cil one year, Editor and Publisher one
year, Assistant General Overseer 12
years, overseer of Florida 3 years, over-
seer of Texas one year, overseer of North
Carolina 2 years, and overseer of South
Carolina 2 years. He is now associated
with his son Robert in evangelistic
work and is a member of the Supreme
Council.

COVER PICTURE

Our front cover is graced with the
picture of the Dyersburg, Tenn.,
church. The following report is given
by the church reporter.

We have recently completed an ex-
tensive remodeling program on our
church building. We brick-veneered
the building, installed hardwood
floors, wool runners in the aisles, and
painted both the auditorium and the
Sunday School rooms. We have also

installed gas heating systems in the
church and parsonage. This work has
cost approximately \$8,600. The Lord
has wonderfully blessed the work here
under the able leadership of our pas-
tor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. M.
Hunt. Recently we started a 30-min-
ute weekly broadcast. The L. W. W. B.
has partially redecorated the parson-
age and helped out in other expenses
of the church. Each department of
the church is growing, and we cer-
tainly thank the Lord for all of His
blessings.

Our annual home-coming was held
Sunday, May 4, with a Sunday School
attendance of 226. Rev. J. D. Bright
was our guest speaker, and brought a
very timely message to the church at
the 11 o'clock service, after which we
received an offering which amounted
to approximately \$800 in cash and
pledges. Brother Bright was also our
evening speaker. The message was
evangelistic and greatly enjoyed; it
was a pleasure to the entire church
to have him visit us again after 9
years.

Note: Rev. H. M. Hunt was licensed
in 1937 and ordained in 1942. He has
done pastoral work in Florida, Ten-
nessee, and Washington. The churches
he has pastored are as follows:
Ferndale, Fla. (where he built a
church), Sevierville, Tenn. (where he
remodeled the parsonage and added
Sunday School rooms), Wapatau,
Wash. (added 3 Sunday School rooms,
and remodeled the entire church
building), LaFollette, Tenn. (did (\$2,-
500 worth of improvement on the pa-
rsonage and church), Dayton, Tenn.
(received 50 members into the church
and redecorated the church and pa-
rsonage). He has organized 6 churches
and has served as district overseer 11
years, and at present is pastor at
Dyersburg, and district overseer, also
a member of the state council. I have
had the privilege of visiting with
Brother Hunt and his family at dif-
ferent churches, and I have always
enjoyed the visits. He is a very suc-
cessful pastor and district overseer.
The church at Dyersburg is realizing
remarkable success under his leader-
ship, and it was a privilege to be with
him and the church.—J. D. B.

PLEASE NOTICE

We are approaching the close
of the fiscal year, June 30, and
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THE EXCEEDING SINFULNESS OF ENVY

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary says that envy is chagrin or discontent at the excellence or good fortune of another; resentful begrudging. In Prov. 14:30, the wise man Solomon said, "Envy is the rottenness of the bones." To my mind, this is equivalent to saying that envy is a putrefying, corruptive thing to the person who possesses or indulges in it, and the envious person wields putrefying, corrupt influence over and about others. We know what happens when the bones are destroyed or give way in the human body—it is limp and useless. In other words, there could be no form, strength, or fashion to a body without bones. Therefore, a person in this condition could not be expected to be of benefit to himself or anyone else. In fact, he would only be burdensome to himself and others. Envy (envyings) is listed by Paul in Gal. 5:21 as one of the works of the flesh, about which he says, "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Surely, no statement could show the exceeding sinfulness of this fruit of the flesh, envy, more than this prohibition on the envious person entering into God's eternal and everlasting kingdom, which is the brightest hope anyone can have for the future. Paul here makes it very clear that he is strongly opposed to such a characteristic and is equally as strong in his denunciation of it. In fact, he not only mentions this work of the flesh in this instant, but in several other places in his epistles. For instance, when writing to the church at Rome, he said, "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in . . . envying." On another occasion, when writing to the church at Corinth, his message was, "Ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" "For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults." Such unbecoming conduct is full proof to my mind that this was a group of unsanctified members of the church at Corinth. In fact, turning to the first chapter of First Corinthians, verse two, we read these words, which support very clearly the fact that there were those in the Corinthian Church who were sanctified, as well as those who were not: "To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus." It most assuredly would be unreasonable to even expect to see such unethical, carnal conduct on the part of a fully and entirely consecrated Christian as some of the Corinthians were guilty of. It is true that there are those who profess sanctification who may be guilty of such conduct at times, but if so, it is an indisputable fact that their sanctification is not what it should be. As envious, carnally minded church members in the Corinthian church caused no little trouble, so those who are of that nature and disposition cause trouble in the churches today, the envious especially. It will be well to remember that envy is the father of a host of children, and generally he has them with him, and they let it be known that they are present.

One of the outstanding characteristics of an envious person is that he always disparages others in that he looks for something evil in them so that by contrast or comparison he may make himself to appear to be much better. James 3:14-16 says, "If ye have bitter envying and strife in

your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." The envious person magnifies the blessings of another to such a degree as to totally and completely eclipse his own blessings, be he ever so successful in whatever his office or work may be. A prominent writer has said, "Envy destroys the sentiment of love, paralyzes the power of appreciation, and steals away personal peace."

Solomon surely was right in saying that envy is "rottenness of the bones," for it so fills a person with bitterness and jealousy that all his strength and virtue is poisoned and has a poisonous effect upon all who associate with him. No wonder we have the question in Prov. 27:4, "Who is able to stand before envy?" Is it not true that the most innocent, unsuspecting, consecrated, and righteous person will be misjudged, begrudged, and resented by the envious in his every word and act? Small wonder an experienced writer has said, "An envious person feeds on the impurities he scents in the air and grows fat in proportion as he finds the evil he seeks in others." Therefore, as another has said, "The individual who wishes to succeed or have peace in this life should avoid an envious person as he would avoid a pestilence." Paul said, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Let us think for a moment as we glance through the pages of the Holy Bible to see what envy has done through envious people. Think of Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his own brothers; Rachel's heart filled with bitterness toward her sister; Aaron and Miriam, the brother and sister of Moses, rising in ridicule against him. Not only that, but Israel as a whole rebelled against him to the point that God said, "Step aside that I may destroy them from the face of the earth." It was envy that through the rebel mob the Lord Jesus Christ was taken to the mock trial where He suffered His face to be beaten and spit upon, His beard pulled, His back beaten, and His brow crowned with thorns, while His body was draped in a purple robe, which, no doubt, stuck close to His back because of the blood from the many stripes that were inflicted upon Him. It was envy that nailed Him to the cross; but it was love, God's love, His love, love for a lost world and even His tormentors and crucifiers, that caused Him to die there. Envy caused Cain to take his brother Abel's life. It is the motivating, inspiring power of war and conquest, greed's resource, love's dead weight, the broad road to sin and shame, and the pitfall of all spirituality.

Was it not the ruin of Judas Iscariot and the downfall of Demas? And is it not the basis on which the antichrist will yet erect his throne? Envy made the devil what he is. It was envy that led him to exalt himself and rebel against God, for did not he say, "I am a God; I sit in the seat of God; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds," Ezek. 28:2; Isa. 14:14? It was envious pride that moved him to seek equality with God, and even superiority to God—he was chagrined at God's excellency. It was envy that inspired his satanic soul to deceive Eve, which resulted in both her downfall and Adam's; and it was nothing short of an envious motive that moved him to whisper temptations to the Son of God in the three great debates in the wilderness. But isn't it wonderful that though Adam and Eve fell under his subtle temptation in the Garden of Eden, Jesus Christ, the second Adam, conquered, triumphed, triumphed victoriously, in the vast solitude of the wilderness? Yes, and in that He triumphed, He has made it possible that every child of God may overcome the devil. Simon Peter's exhortation was, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." Some Christians remain baby Christians and, therefore, act babyish entirely too long; while others are in their second babyhood, and they are generally worse. The Lord Jesus is of tender compassion toward young Christians, so should all ministers and other members be; but there comes a time when the young Christian should develop into manhood and womanhood. When that stage of adulthood is reached in Christ Jesus, that work of the flesh, envy, should be dead and buried along with all the other works of the flesh, of which the blood of the Lord Jesus washes our souls free. Then, as Paul says, the result will be "fruits unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

More Earth Is Needed, and Less Thorns

By LONNIE L. BEASLEY, JESUP, GA., LAYMAN

"And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit."

This is only a part of the parable found in Mark 4. We notice verses 16-19 explain its meaning. "And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful."

Now we see four different types (speaking of the spiritual condition of people) in this entire parable (Mark 4:3-8), but the part of this parable just quoted in this article explains only two: the stony ground convert and the hearer of the Word but not a doer; the Word choked by thorns (the cares of life). It's a sad thing to think of the spiritual condition of either of these types of people, but speaking of the latter, how they are typical of what we often see present in church services. The parable did not say that this type received the Word with gladness; they only heard the Word, but the effect of the Word on them was wrested by the cares of life. Some people come to church and listen to the messages, continually; but it doesn't matter how heart touching the sermons are, or how eternal punishment is preached, it does not have its proper effect upon them. "And the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit." Their business, their financial affairs, or the pleasures of life takes all their thought.

If some folks should see the burning flames, smell the brimstone, hear the screams, and feel the torture, would that stony heart then melt and receive the Word? It's a dangerous thing to ignore and make of none effect the Word of God. Ah, how men should humble themselves and magnify the great name of God, and obey His Holy Word. Exaltation from a self-righteous spirit is so binding, they continue to resist the Word. "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy," Proverbs 29:1.

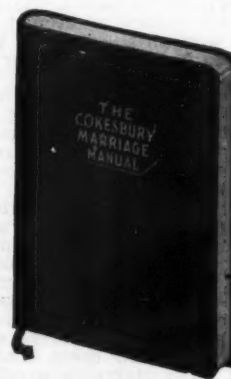
Let us look at the stony ground convert as the double-minded and un-

stable person—one mind to repent and serve God, and another mind warring against the Spirit, which hinders the convert from offering his all on the altar. This parable says, "and so endure but for a time." He gets enough religion to endure for a while, but not to enjoy; he soon gets tired of only enduring and the way it goes. Paul said, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," Ephesians 6:11, 12. The stony ground Christian is in a spiritually-weak, powerless condition. He gets his mind stirred up for fear of eternal hell. He falls into the altar, seemingly praying through, testifies of his experience, probably is added to the church and is baptized, is loyal and attentive to the church for a while, but later he is missed at church. The pleasures of life, the discouraging words from a worldly friend, or because of fastening his eyes upon some hypocrite, he is offended and overcome with evil. What's the matter? He lacked earth, needed to dig deeper to possess the will power determination.

New converts, take this advice, never yield to the discouraging words of an unsaved person. My further advice is for you to read the Bible, go to church, watch and pray, and never stop for a conversation with Satan. We have in mind an old character who made the terrible mistake of stopping for a conversation with the devil. Ah, what if Eve had turned her back on Satan, refusing a conversation with him? The Bible said, "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made." Now notice how undermining he was in starting the conversation. He first asked a question to get an opportunity to deceive with beguiling words: "And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil," Genesis 3:1-5. Verse 6 should give us a thorough warning of the crafty works of the devil and the effects upon the victim who may be deceived by listening to him. "And when the woman saw that the

tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Now it's true that she knew God's commandments, for she quoted them to the serpent. Now comes the very thought of the subject; just as Adam and Eve had God's commandments and broke them to their eternal ruin, so we have God's commandments with us, and what are people doing with them? God is calling sinners to repentance, and says, "But, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Luke 13:3b.

Let us read verse 20 of this parable of the sower, which is so encouraging to Christians. "And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred." May the Lord help us live so we can hear these words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," Matthew 25:21.



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Can a Sinner Be Saved Before He Is Baptized in Water?

By Evangelist W. L. Myers, Rockmart, Ga.

Many preachers say, "No!" But what does the Bible say about it?

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted," Luke 18:13.

So we see that the publican was saved before he was baptized in water.

What about the sinful woman? Read what Jesus said, "Wherefore I say unto thee, her sins, which are many, are forgiven. For she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven," Luke 7:47, 48. And we see that this sinful woman was saved before she was baptized.

What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man? Read it: "And when he saw their faith, he saith unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven," Luke 5:20. We see, also, that this man sick of the palsy was saved before he was baptized in water.

What about the penitent thief? Here it is: "And he saith unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise," Luke 23:42, 43. So we see that the thief was saved before he was baptized in water.

What about Cornelius and his household? Here is the report: "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days," Acts 10:44-48. So again we see that Cornelius was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost before he was baptized in water.

What about the eunuch? Here is the statement: "And as they went on their way, they came to a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Phillip said,

If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water, both Phillip and the eunuch; and he baptized him," Acts 8:36-38. So, we see, according to 1 John 5:1, that the eunuch was saved BEFORE he was baptized in water. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ IS born of God." Note, the eunuch's testimony: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." He believed with all his heart, therefore he was born of God before he was baptized in water. Had lightning struck the eunuch dead before he reached the water, he would have gone sailing home to heaven.

Christ Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples (or Christians) of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," Matt. 28:19. So we see that they made Christians of all nations BEFORE they baptized them in water. First, they made them Christians; second, they baptized them in water. "Baptize them (disciples or Christians) in water."

Again we read in Acts 9:17: "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hand on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost." So we see that Paul, too, was saved BEFORE he was baptized in water. Note that the Lord said, "For, behold, he prayeth." And Ananias called him "Brother Saul," BEFORE he was baptized in water.

The theory that a sinner cannot be saved before he is baptized in water teaches that our precious soldiers in the foxholes cannot be saved because there's no one there to baptize them in water. We see our boys dug in on the front lines; they are conscious of great danger, and at least some of them decide to accept the Lord. But they have no preacher there to baptize them in water. Would you say they will have to die and go to hell because there is no preacher to baptize them? I look on my Christ as being more merciful than that. John said, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name, John 1:12. If these soldiers receive Him and believe on His name, He then gives them power to become the sons of God. Read 1 John 5:1.

Were Paul's converts baptized in water before they were born of the Spirit? If so, Paul had very few converts. He baptized only Crispus, Gaius, and the household of Stephanas. (1 Cor. 1:14-17.) If a sinner could not be saved before he is baptized in water, Paul would not have said, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel."

We have Bible evidence that Onesimus was born of the Spirit right there in prison, for Paul said, "I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds." Then in verse 16, "Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord." But what arrangement would a heathen jailor make for a baptizing? None! They put Paul in that prison for preaching Christ, and would they then allow him to immerse one in Christ's name? Incredible! Yet immersion is the Bible mode of baptism. Paul was "in prisons more frequent," 2 Cor. 11:23. No telling how many prisons Paul was in, and no telling how many prisoners he begat in his bonds. It would be an exhibition of gross ignorance to even suppose that these heathen prison-keepers would have furnished a pool and allowed Paul's helpers to come in and baptize his converts. No false teacher can keep his argument lying evenly.

Then, too, you remember that neither Paul, nor any of his co-workers, baptized the damsel which had a spirit of divination before she was saved. Read Acts 16:16-18. It is shown that water baptism did not wash the spirit of Satan out of the damsel. To say that God will not save a poor sinner until he is baptized in water

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 ★ **ANNOUNCING** ★
 ★ **THE 44TH GENERAL** ★
 ★ **ASSEMBLY** ★
 ★ **Time—Aug. 14, p. m.—17** ★
 ★ **Place—Indianapolis, Indiana** ★
 ★ **Building—The large Coliseum on** ★
 ★ **38th Street** ★
 ★ **MINISTERS' COUNCIL** ★
 ★ **Will convene in small auditorium** ★
 ★ **near Coliseum. Begins 9 a. m.,** ★
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REVIVAL NEWS

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.—We lift our hearts in praise to God for the way He is blessing here. We recently closed a revival conducted by Rev. L. O. Prosser. There were 13 saved, 11 sanctified, 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the church. We also thank God for our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Bailey. They are doing a great work and are a blessing to our church and community.—Ruby Barnes.

PLANT CITY, Fla.—On the first Sunday of February, we began an old-fashioned revival, with the Wroten Dunn Singing Evangelistic Party, consisting of Bro. and Sister Dunn and Bro. and Sister Bob Robenson. The meeting continued for 3 weeks, with conviction settling down upon the people in almost every service. There were 26 saved, 16 sanctified, 21 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 7 new members added to the church, and 8 came by transfer. Long live the memory of this great revival.—L. R. Alderman, Pastor.

DUNCAN, Okla.—We have had 2 weeks of revival here in our new church. We have had a battle, but we are working and God is blessing our efforts. One has been saved and others are being blessed; we are looking forward to a harvest of souls. Rev. E. T. Curtsinger, our district pastor at Lawton, and Rev. C. J. Hindmon, our state overseer, came over to see us. We bought a nice little church building, complete with piano, pews, Venetian blinds, air conditioner, and rugs on the floor. We closed the trade April 1, 1952.—Charles Moon, Pastor.

LEBANON, Tenn.—We have just had a 10-day revival, with Sister Wright as evangelist. Eight were saved, 1 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed.—R. L. Cox.

GRINDLE CREEK, N. C.—We have just had a wonderful revival, with Rev. R. C. Sansbury, of Stanley, N. C. The Lord certainly did bless in every service. Fifteen were saved, 10 sanctified, 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 12 added to the church. The church was blessed by the inspiring messages delivered each night.—Wade H. Crofts, Pastor.

LINDEN, Fla.—We have had an old-time Holy Ghost revival. The church was stirred by the power of God; many souls danced and shouted, and many were healed. About 12 were saved and sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 11 added to the church.—Harry Thatcher, Evangelist; Carl W. Bryan, Pastor.

CHILHOWIE, Va.—We are happy to report a wonderful revival here. Our pastor's wife, Sister Ida McKay, preached. The building was packed night after night. Eight souls came to

God, and those attending the services were blessed. We praise the Lord for our pastor and his wife. They are a great blessing to our church. We also praise God for the way He is blessing this church.—Hazel M. Thomas, Clerk.

LEBANON, Penna.—We have just had the greatest revival ever. The Lord is surely blessing in a marvelous way. For 4 weeks Rev. Abe Tannenbaum, the Jewish evangelist, and his party ministered to us. Eighteen were saved, 34 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 15 joined the church, including the evangelist and his wife. We witnessed wonderful healings. One little girl who was blind from being poisoned with rat poison was healed when Brother Tannenbaum prayed for her. During the Saturday night services, 88 Evangel subscriptions were received. Brother Tannenbaum took an offering for the Jewish work in Jerusalem which amounted to \$297.26. We had our 9th Sunday School anniversary March 23, and he received a building-fund offering, which amounted to \$1,155. We have broken all our Sunday School records with an attendance of 213. Our pastor, Rev. J. C. Jones, and his wife are greatly appreciated by the people of the Lebanon Church.—Mrs. Mary Deaven, Church Clerk.

DANVILLE, Va.—We have had a good revival, with Rev. Gred Sanders preaching. Thirty souls were saved. In this meeting we put forth special effort to increase our Sunday School attendance. On Easter Sunday we broke all previous records, with 247 present. At this service the evangelist broke a phonograph record over the superintendent's head. This is a good booster for the Sunday School, if the superintendent is willing.—T. O. Dennis, Pastor.

COUCHES FORK, Ky.—We truly thank God for our good revival, with Brother Roy Dagnan as evangelist. This great man of God spends many hours a day in prayer; he fasts a lot and asks others to fast with him. This brings results. Seven were saved, 5 sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost, and a goodly number healed. We are happy to have our fine pastor, Brother Johnny Gouge, and his wife, who are doing a fine job of pastoring this church.—W. M. Napier, Reporter.

JEFFERSON, Iowa.—We are thanking the Lord for the fine people in the church here. They love the Lord and want to see the church make progress. They certainly stand with their pastor and church. We have the finest group of young people in the State of Iowa. We have some of the finest, most talented singers I know. We praise the Lord for them, also for our personal workers. We want to see the Church of God go forward. We have a fine state overseer, Brother Carl Cox, and

his wife. We appreciate what they have done.—J. H. Freeman, Pastor, and Wife.

WARE SHOALS, S. C.—We have just had a great revival, with Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Barnes as evangelists. Twenty-three were saved, 17 sanctified, 16 filled with the Holy Ghost, 20 baptized in water, and 15 added to the church during the revival and 4 after the revival. This makes a net gain of 68 new members since the General Assembly. The Lord is not only blessing us spiritually, but materially as well. The lovely 5-room parsonage did belong to the mill company, and they recently gave it to the church. We praise God for all He has done for us here.—Thomas Grassano, Pastor.



Pvt. Tommie R. Wiggins entered service April 2, 1951. He took his basic training at Fort Hood, Texas, and is now en route to the Far East. He would like to hear from friends. His address is Pvt. Tommie R. Wiggins, RA 14403726, Prov. Co. S. E 562, APO 613, in care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wiggins, Gastonia, N. C.

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The Church

By Rev. G. E. Underwood, Pastor,
Church of God, Logan, W. Va.

The church is one of the greatest and most beautiful subjects taught in the Bible. It has been asked, "What is the church? and who are its members?"

First, let us consider its Founder. In Matt. 16:18, we read, "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The church was founded upon Christ. At the time Jesus told Peter He would build His church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it, Christ saw the importance of the church and its organization, and said, "I will build my church." We can find nowhere in the Bible where Christ before this time ever mentioned the church, yet He had been building up to it from the beginning of His ministry. We also find in Matthew 10 where Jesus instructed the twelve disciples, sent them to preach, and gave them power against unclean spirits to cast them out and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases. But Christ, at the time, did not mention the church.

Many go out today without a message of salvation. Then there are some who preach the church before they preach repentance. Getting people saved, healed, and blessed is the first step. Many ministers fail because they put the church first and soul-saving second. We should first present Christ to the people. A good salesman does not present his goods for sale until he has presented himself. When the minister sells himself to the people to the extent that they can see the very presence of Christ

in him, and they are blessed by his preaching and ministry, then he can easily tell them about the church. Some get the horse before the cart. Get hooked up right, and your ministry will go right.

Let me say something else. Don't try to get big without first being little. Some ministers try to get the ministry of healing and forget the most important thing; that is, salvation of souls. Some folks fast and pray for days for the gift of healing, until their bodies are weak, and some lose their health by doing so. But Paul, in introducing the gifts in 1 Cor. 12:1 said, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you to be ignorant." It seems that Paul knew by this statement there would be some who would be ignorant concerning the reception and operation of the gifts. Let me use the same statement Paul used: "Brethren, I would not have you to be ignorant." After all, what is the first and the second gift Paul mentions as being in the church? The first gift is to be wisdom; the second gift is to be knowledge. The great man Solomon said in all our getting, get wisdom. Again we hear the Bible say if any man lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth to every man freely and upbraideth not. Someone said, "This is a special gift, and it cannot be had unless the Lord gives the gift to you." Right you are, but He said He gives to every man that asks Him for wisdom, and upbraids not.

Brethren, God set the gifts in the church when the Holy Ghost came, and you have as much right to exercise the gift as any one in the church, if you live right, and stay consecrated. Did Jesus say in Mark, 16th chapter, that these signs would follow you? Did He say you would cast out devils? Did He say you would heal the sick? What else do you expect from God? We are challenged to use what God has set in the church!

The church was first mentioned by Christ when He asked the disciples, "Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" They said, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some Elias, and others Jeremias or one of the prophets." He said unto them,

"Whom say ye that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." Christ then replied, "Simon Bar-Jona, flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto you, but my Father which is in heaven." Notice, it was not Peter, flesh and blood, that gave him the knowledge, but it was divine wisdom from God. Then Jesus said, "I will build my church." The church was not built upon Peter. No, a thousand times no! It was established because Christ, the Son of God, saw that it was necessary to have a church for those who had been born again, and had a revelation of His being the Son of God, and He is the Foundation Rock upon which it is built. 1 Cor. 3:11; 1 Peter 2:4, 5.

There are some groups and ministers that don't seem to know it is important to be born again before joining the church. They put on a campaign for church membership each year. They have a ten-night meeting for their campaign, but never have an altar where men and women can come and kneel, repent of their sins, and be converted. Some have gone so far as to say they are the church that Christ mentions in the Bible, but they don't have an altar in their church. They don't believe in sinners praying and confessing their sins to God. They say that the Bible says God won't hear a sinner's prayer anyway. True, the Bible says that, but that was not referring to the prayer of a repenting sinner! The only way a person has to get to God is through repentance, and Paul says in Romans 10:10, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

The same group says that in order to be converted, you must be baptized in water. They say that Jesus told Nicodemus he must be born of water and of the Spirit or he could not enter into the kingdom of God. But when Jesus referred to water, He had reference to the natural birth. This should be obvious to anyone. The church that Jesus had reference to in Matt. 16:18 was a church that the gates of hell would not prevail against. This

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church is to be built out of born-again Spirit-filled men and women, for 1 Peter 2:5 says, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." God's desire for His church is spiritual members. Only men and women who have been born of the Spirit are eligible to become a part of His church.

I will not agree with a minister who says do away with the church altar, do away with the blood of Christ, or who says there is no wrong in taking part in worldly amusement, as long as we don't go too deep in them. I just can't agree that everything that belongs to some church group is part of the real church of God. If that be the case, why have a church? What good is church government? You cannot have a church without having government; yet, if it has no standard, it is of no benefit. What would a nation be without government? The church that Christ said He would build has government and men to be the head of its government. No man can fully believe the Bible without believing in church government. No nation can operate without leaders; neither can a church operate without leaders. Heb. 13:17 says, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you." Doesn't this scripture prove there are to be leaders over us, to watch and to lead us? In Acts 20:28 Paul exhorts, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." There is no way of getting around Bible government, and God has set leaders in the church to exercise it. 1 Cor. 12:28 sets forth the fact that "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." You can not believe that tongues are in the church without believing in church government; neither can you be a part of the Church without being governed. Matthew 18:15-17 sets forth the benefit of church government: "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or

three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." This instruction was given by Jesus as a part of church government for dealing with a trespassing brother.

Next, does it take money to operate a government? You will say, "Yes, it does." Let me ask you, then, does it not also take money to operate God's church? Surely, it does. God has it set up in the Bible how His church is to be supported. It was Jesus who said, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." If we obey this scrip-

ture, we will pay Caesar or the government the things that belong to each, and we will pay God what belongs to Him. 1 Cor. 16:2 tells us, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse (church) that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Jesus loved the church and gave His life and blood for it. Surely we can love it enough to live in, with, and for it.

REV. MRS. IDA McCOY PASSES TO HER REWARD



Sister Ida McCoy completed her last earthly task and finished her earthly journey to pass into immortality May 11, 1952. Although confined to her bed the last few months of her life, she was surrounded by many of her friends and loved ones. Much of that time was spent reminiscing the triumphs of her extremely full and busy life, and contemplating the glory that remains for those who have faithfully discharged their duties as God's servants. She had been a Church of God member for 36 years, and a minister of the Church since May 19, 1924.

Sister McCoy was born Ida Denson on Jan. 12, 1877, in Cleburn County, Ala. She married Thomas L. McCoy September 11, 1892, and to them were born 10 children, 5 girls and 5 boys: Margaret, Otis, Estelle, Otto, Lougillah, Charles, James, Lowell, Eunice, and Tula. Her husband and 2 children preceded her in death.

Her life set an example of love, giving, and sacrifice. Her whole-hearted ministry laid the groundwork for a

number of churches that are thriving today. Among them are: Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and Jones Chapel, Cordova, Edwardsville, Lamison, Pine Grove, Heflin, and Cullman, Ala.

Her interest in missions was seldom equalled and scarcely exceeded. When the general Church started its mission program on a world-wide scale, Sister McCoy added impetus to its drive by presenting her now-famous mission quilt at the General Assembly. On that quilt there were 750 pockets, and each one contained an offering for missions.

Lee College Alumni will also long remember her interest and support when she, although feeble and living on a small pension, made and paid one of the largest pledges ever given to the association.

Two songs; namely, "At the Crown-ing" and "My Refuge," written by Sister McCoy, have already been translated into 7 languages. They will never be forgotten. Nor does her musical incitement stop here, for her entire family developed well their musical talents, among whom are her sons, James, who is a member and perpetuator of the Homeland Harmony Quartet, and Otis, head editor of our Tennessee Music and Printing Company. Joseph Lowell, the youngest son, is pastor at Woodside Avenue Church of God, Greenville, S. C., and overseer of the Greenville District.

Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Pisgah, Ala., by Reverends J. Frank Spivey, Houston R. Morehead, and E. J. Boehmer. The huge beautiful floral offering came in from various parts of the nation.

Sister Ida McCoy is now at rest from her labors, after making the world wherever she went a better place to live, and heaven must be brighter since her arrival.—Her son-in-law, Rev. R. J. Johnson.

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The Church on the Other Side

By O. H. WOLFF

J. H. Hughes, member of Missions Board and overseer of West Virginia, with several ministers from his state, make flying trip to West Indies Islands, visiting and assisting with the conventions.—J. H. Walker, Sr., Executive Missions Secretary.

I slipped quickly from the bed at the first ring of my alarm. A tingle of excitement seemed to course through my veins as the thought kept running through my mind, "We're leaving today for the Islands; we're leaving today for the Islands." Stepping out of my car at the state parsonage in Beckley, I saw that the other brethren had already gathered, and all was in readiness for the next hop to Miami, Florida. As our overseer, Brother J. H. Hughes, slipped the car in gear and we were on the way, it seemed once again my heart beat faster, and that tingle of excitement returned. The mission field! We had seen it in pictures, heard others tell of it, but now we were going there to see, the Church—on the other side!

It is February 24. This morning we left Beckley, and now we are pulling up in front of the General Offices in Cleveland, Tenn. Brother Hughes has a meeting with the Missions Board before we continue our journey. It seemed a long time to wait, but here he comes. Now, in just a moment, we'll be heading again for Miami.

It's several hours later, but finally here we are in Miami. We have a few last-minute arrangements to make before our plane leaves. Brother Stoppe, the island superintendent, has already gone on to Nassau with Brother MacPherson and Brother Wolff of Wisconsin, but Sister Stoppe is giving us much valuable assistance in getting all arrangements made. The minutes seem to drag by like hours, but finally the long-awaited moment arrives. WE'RE IN THE AIR! The next time the landing wheels touch the ground it will be on foreign soil—mission soil!

Finally, we catch our first glimpse of the Island, New Providence Island, on which the city of Nassau is located. As we step from the plane, we are met by Rev. Stoppe, Rev. Patterson, overseer of the Bahamas, and Rev. Eneas, one of the local pastors. Through customs and immigration offices, and then on to the headquarters church and the convention.

Tears come to our eyes and a feeling of great joy sweeps over our hearts as we see what God is doing for His

Church and His people here in this island. To hear these people, our brothers and sisters in Christ, sing and preach and pray begins to open one's eyes to a new world of vision and experience in Him. Then to see each of our men, as they stand to their feet and preach the Word from night to night, and see God move upon this great multitude of people like the rushing of many waters, Pentecostal waters, words seem so futile in trying to describe a scene such as we beheld. The offering for Brother Eneas' new church was over \$1,000 in cash and pledges. To see these poor, humble people respond to the call of God as the Word went forth presented a picture that shall never be dimmed in our minds.

Much more could be said, but we must go on. Parting time comes; we must leave these who have been so kind and courteous. It's Saturday, March 1, already, and our time is limited. As we look out the window of the plane and wave a last fond farewell, something hurts inside—guess it's just our love for the Church on the other side.

Our plane touches the earth once again, this time in San Tiago, Cuba. We have a thirty-minute stop here and the missionary, Brother E. MacLain, is on hand to meet us. These are precious young people out here in the vineyard working for Him. Time again for departure and we say good-bye and board the plane, this time bound for Kingston, Jamaica.

Rev. Brummett, our overseer in Jamaica, met us at the airport with some of the Jamaican brethren, and we sensed at once that here were some men who meant to do real business for God. Before we left this island, we found that our premonitions were right.

We found as the conventions got into full swing that this meeting had been born in prayer and much careful consideration. Brother Hughes was the evening speaker, and certainly he was God's man for the hour. Many were saved and at least



The plane that brought the delegates back to America, flying over the sugar fields of Cuba, and then on out over the beautiful Caribbean Sea.



West Virginia's delegates to convention standing in front of Headquarters Church in Nassau. Left to right, George Underwood, Logan; J. H. Hughes, overseer of West Virginia; E. P. Musick, Clarksburg; H. E. Sells, Huntington; W. E. Winters, Charleston; F. G. McAfee, Mallory.

54 baptized with the Holy Ghost. These people certainly won a place in our hearts, knowing that many of them hadn't had anything to eat for several hours, and some of them for days. Others had no clothes except what they were wearing, and those in many cases were tattered and torn. The hurricane did much to destroy the homes and churches of these people, but, thank God, nothing can destroy the spirit and love God puts in the hearts of His children! Their words of thanks and appreciation still ring in my mind as they received the clothing and fi-

nancial aid of those "from America."

One could continue endlessly, telling of the great things God is doing for the Church on the other side. However, parting time came again, and we came to the shocking realization that in just a few hours we would be back in the "other world" again. We had dreamed and formed a picture in our mind about the mission field, but now it was reality. What we have seen is far above any of our expectations. We do not feel that we shall ever be the same after this experience and the privilege of making this trip. Never



Rev. J. H. Hughes, overseer of West Virginia, stands in front of West Virginia's Memorial Church. The fund for the building of this memorial church was begun by the ministers of the State at their annual meetings. Since that time many others have contributed gifts and special offerings.

again will a mission service be "commonplace" or "routine" to me.

As I took my last step on that soil, my eyes once again clouded with tears, and my heart filled with great desire to answer that man of Macedonia as he so pitifully calls, "Won't you come over and help us?" My friend, can you hear him, too? The call seems so much stronger, since I have had a chance to look in his eyes and see hunger and need, physical and spiritual. Oh, thank God for this opportunity, and help me now my place to fill.

ANOTHER VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Recently, we received an inquiry from the Philippines concerning the work of the Church of God, which we sent to Rev. F. R. Cortez. In his letter to me he states he made the trip to see the people. Here he gives an account of his visit to the mountain province:

"On last Monday I left Station Lucia, bound to the mountain region, about 5 p. m. I reached Baquilo City, the summer capital of the Philippines. There I met a missionary with Pastor Juan Sariano whom I know well, and I am also known to him. They took me to their residence, which is about 7 kilometers away from Baguilo City, and I spent the night with them. Early the next morning I started out again to find the place where I intended to go. I rode on the bus and stopped after a 56-kilometer ride and then started hiking, going up and down the mountain with no one with me but Jesus my Lord.

"I should have had someone with me, but our Brother Manuel Gonzales, of San Nicolas, I Norte, whom I expected to be my companion, didn't arrive at the set date, so I went alone. I started walking around 11 a. m. and

reached Kabayan at 3:30 p. m., which is 11 kilometers from the National Road. After 30 minutes' rest, I started again to Adasay, which is seven and a half kilometers from Kabayan, and reached the place at 6 p. m., making a total of eighteen and a half kilometers that day, from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m.

"When I reached the home of Mr. Alejandro Marques, and after knowing each other, I showed him your letter, and he told me that he also received a letter from you. Because I was very tired, the man asked me to take a rest, and so I did. At 7:30 p. m. I awoke and got up, and, to my surprise, there were already in the house fathers, mothers, and children, who greeted me. After supper we began the religious service, and I found out that they knew some religious songs. I preached that night about the great love of God, and oh my, their souls were hungry for the Word of God. They were like the 'dry bones' of Ezekiel. The next morning we had another service before saying goodbye to them.

"In my short stay, I observed that this kind of tribe (mountaineers) are very different from the people of lowlands. They are very courteous and

obedient. They also obtained good educations, especially the young people. I am really interested in them, especially for the salvation of their souls."

He mentioned the fact that there are problems among them and asked that we pray especially that God will direct His people and the work of the Lord may be extended.

FROM ROCK SOUND, ELELUTHERA, BAHAMAS

From Rock Sound, Eleluthera, Bahamas, comes the report of sincere appreciation for Brother M. W. Patterson, overseer of the Bahamas, visiting and conducting the district convention for the people. They state, "Many souls have been blessed with a definite experience of God's grace, and hearts were made glad as we listened to the precious Word of God given under the anointing of the precious Holy Spirit by Brother Patterson. I believe God surely directed his steps to this needy field. Pray for us that the Lord will give us a harvest of souls, should He tarry this year. We pray the Lord will speak to others that are willing to come to the Bahamas, and they may hear the Macedonian call—'Come over and help us.'"

LOVE

By J. B. Weeks (Retired), Ellijay, Georgia

1 John 3:14, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren."

John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

We should like to notice this divine love from two angles. First we know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." 1 John 4:20 says, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" Matt. 25:45 shows us that if we fail to administer to the least of God's children, we fail to do it unto Him. This shows that Christ dwells in the least one of His, so I think that is a good sign that we have God in our lives, if we love the children of God. Then the Bible says if we hate our brother, we are a murderer. A man who kills someone with a gun or knife is considered a bad man, and he is, but the Word says to hate your brother is to be a murderer.

I remember one time I had a heart attack; I thought I might die, and I began to look back over my life to see if I had hated anyone in my heart. It will be in your way then, if you hate someone. It is going to take something in our heart to stand before God (divine love of the brethren). Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another." If we love our brother, we are willing to pray and bear a lot with him. Sometimes we can help someone who is down and out by good words, praying for him, and shedding a few tears in his behalf. It is very necessary to have some sympathy. I have seen people who thought all that was necessary was to scratch a person's name off of the church book, without ever writing or visiting him. Such indifference! I remember our good Editor-in-Chief wrote me a very nice letter, and took all pains to explain to me some things when I did not know if he would even notice it or not. I notice the greatest men in the Church of God are the ones who notice the little preachers, too.

Let us notice the second part—by this shall all men know that we are His disciples, if we love one another. I want people to have confidence in me, but the world will pay no attention if the matter of our experience is only a profession. Lord, help us to always possess what we profess. We shall all give an account of our lives to God, and that perhaps sooner than we now realize.

The Bible says to confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another. I believe we should be careful to look for good in folks who may have a rough road to travel. I like that old song,

"Each day I'll do a golden deed
By helping those who are in need.
Life's evening sun is sinking low;
A few more days, and I must go
To meet the deeds that I have done,
Where there will be no setting sun."

It is my desire to always live a Bible life, in deed and in truth. God bless all the EVANGEL family.

REQUESTS

Pray For:

My healing; the healing of my nephew's body.—A sister, Alton, Ill.
The healing of Mrs. Claude A. Jones; her salvation.—Mrs. Clifton Hancock, Mize, Miss.
My unsaved family; an unsaved friend; me.—Mrs. Elizabeth Westfall, Worthington, Ky.
My daughter who is in a serious condition.—Mrs. White, Knoxville, Tenn.
My son, Robert D. Crick, who was superintendent of our Sunday School of the 16th Street Church of God in Chattanooga, Tenn., that God will bring him back to us safe and sound; my son, Pfc. James K. Crick, AF, 18414563 3406 Stu. Sqd. (Box 648), Keisler Air Force Base, Miss.; another son, Sgt. Alton E. Shirley, who is missing in action, probably in prison.—Mrs. W. L. Crick, Chattanooga, Tenn.
My sister who is very ill with cancer.—Mrs. Oyler, Columbus, Ohio.

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GOD IS WONDERFULLY BLESSING IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—We are happy to report that God is wonderfully blessing us. We have just completed a 3-bedroom parsonage, and furnished it throughout; it is valued at \$10,000. We began in March of 1950 to build a new church, raising the money as we could; now we have a nice church, 40 by 106 feet, with an auditorium seating capacity of 318. The seats are opera type, with 50 on the rostrum. We have 7 Sunday School rooms, 2 rest rooms, and have the materials paid for to complete the church, except the baptistry. Our total indebtedness is only about \$1,000; when complete, it will be valued at about \$35,000. The L.W.W.B. bought beautiful drapes for our church. Our Sunday School is gaining; we set a new record of 229. Within 2 months we have had 24 to join the church, 2 more to transfer here, and more are planning to join soon. Recently we had a revival with Bro. and Sis. Charles Curtis as evangelists. Fourteen were saved, 17 sanctified, 17 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church. I have never seen evangelists work harder for the church than they did. We can truly say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."—H. L. Diffie, Pastor.

BEAUTIFUL, IMPRESSIVE BAPTISMAL SERVICE

SUMITON, Ala.—On Friday night, April 18, 1952, the baptistry of the Pike Avenue Church of God in Birmingham, Ala., was the scene of a very beautiful and impressive baptismal service, in which 18 young people, ranging in age from 12 to 30, were baptized by the pastor of the Sumiton Church of God, Rev. Cecil Knight is pastor of the Pike Avenue Church.

These candidates in water baptism were the fruits of a 2 weeks' revival conducted at Sumiton by Rev. Fred Sanders, of Tampa, Fla. Brother Sanders certainly was a blessing to the Sumiton Church, with his wonderful old-time gospel preaching that stirred men and women, boys and girls to repentance. Brother Sanders is certainly a church booster wherever he works. He proved a great blessing to our Sunday School in striving to break past attendance records.

In Brother Sanders' revival 25 were saved, 15 sanctified, and 17 added to the church. Much new life was added to the church by these precious young people who have joined whole-heartedly in the work of the Lord. Their fresh, sweet testimonies add much to our services and bring down shouts of joy and thanksgiving. We praise God for each of them.—H. C. Smith, Sumiton, Ala.

SPRINGFIELD, N. C., Y. P. E. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST SUCCESSFUL

SPRINGFIELD, N. C.—We have just closed an outstanding contest in our

Sunday School and Y. P. E. here in Springfield. Our pastor, Rev. H. B. Turlington, appointed 3 persons to serve as group captains of the Y. P. E. and 3 to serve as superintendents of the Sunday School. The contest ran through January, February, and March.

Miss Jeanette Herndon, Miss Margaret Tucker, and Miss Margie Williams competed in the Y. P. E. contest. The superintendents of the Sunday School were Alex Dunn, Jr., Arvine Poole, and Willie Chavis. All of these did a wonderful work in building up the Y. P. E. and Sunday School.

The winners were Alex Dunn, Jr., who won first place in the Sunday School supervision, and Miss Margie Williams, who won first place in the Y. P. E. competition. Our pastor presented the two with a ten-dollar check each for their outstanding work and achievement.

We are happy to say that God is blessing in every department of the church in a marvelous way. Our Sunday School has enlarged considerably in every way, while the Y. P. E. has practically doubled in attendance and offerings.

The L. W. W. B. is also doing a wonderful work in our church.

Pray that God will continue to pour

out His blessings upon us here.—Alex Dunn, Jr., Route 1, Box 170, Gibson, N. C.

LOUISVILLE, KY., DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our annual district convention met April 21-22 at the E. Louisville Church of God. Rev. R. R. Walker, state superintendent; Rev. J. David Pitts, district superintendent; and Rev. Paul Spencer, district youth director, were in charge of the convention.

The first message was by Rev. Spencer, whose subject was "Serving God with What We Have"; text, Exodus 4:2. Rev. G. W. Ayers, member of the state youth board, delivered the

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THE 44TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

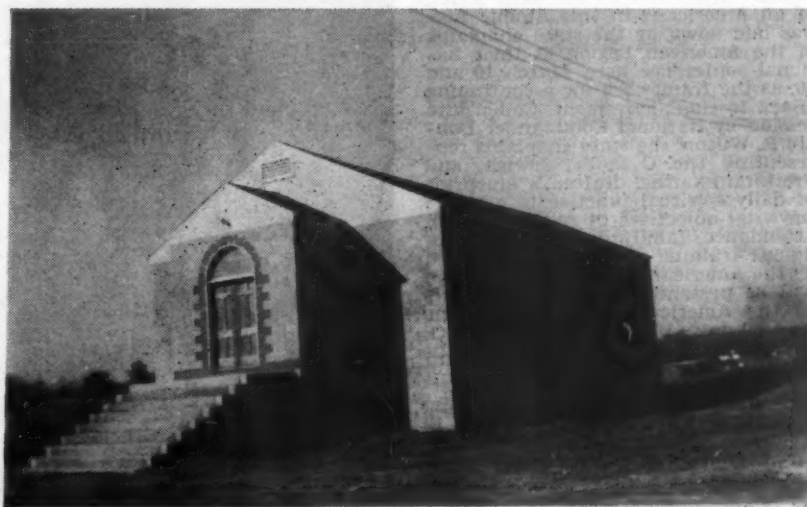
Time—Aug. 14, p. m.—17

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Building—The large Coliseum on 38th Street

MINISTERS' COUNCIL

Will convene in small auditorium near Coliseum. Begins 9 a. m., Tuesday, August 12; ends 4:30 p. m., Thursday, August 14.



NORWOOD, NORTH CAROLINA, CHURCH

The Church of God was organized at Norwood, November, 1950. Soon after it was organized Brother and Sister S. A. Lankford started to work. God blessed their efforts in a mighty way. The church was organized with thirteen members. Today they have twenty-six members.

There was no place for the people to worship, so they started to work. Soon Brother Lankford had a nice church built at Norwood. The church is 32 by 60 feet, with a full-size basement and equipped with a modern gas heating system. The church is valued at \$20,000, and they owe only \$4,500 on it.

We are very grateful for the way the people at Norwood have worked with their pastor to accomplish this wonderful work. The church is very beautiful, and I am sure you feel delighted with the accomplishments when you look at your new church. May God's blessings ever rest upon Brother and Sister Lankford and the good people at Norwood.

E/P NEWS...

CHURCH TO RUN THEATERS

The Danish Church Film Association is studying plans to operate theaters in various parts of Denmark, which would be devoted largely to showing of religious films. It will show religious films and other movies recommended by the Church. The Danish Church Film Association has two main objectives: First, to overcome general resistance to all kinds of films still prevalent in some circles of the Church; and second, to convince commercial producers of films that religious films may be good investments.

CHURCHES CLOSED IN SPAIN

A report in the *Ecumenical Press Service* tells of the action of the governor of the Spanish province of Estremadura, on February 2, in closing and putting seals on the door of the chapel of the Spanish Evangelical Church of Badajoz, Estremadura.

Thirty-eight denominations in the United States and Canada now have more than 15,000 missionaries abroad and are contributing more than \$50 million a year to sustain a world-wide program of Christian witness and service.

LEGION URGES "BACK TO GOD"

An interfaith "Spiritual Bill of Rights" applicable to the daily living of all Americans in this Atomic Age, was laid down by the state chaplains of the American Legion at their national conference here, March 19 and 20, as the framework for a continuing "Back to God" movement. Called into session by National Commander Donald R. Wilson, the state chaplains representing the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths, drafted a blueprint of daily spiritual practice to advance the vital objectives of regular church attendance, family devotions and religious training of youth emphasized by the American Legion. This program will be presented to the 17,368 posts of the American Legion within the next 30 days, National Chaplain O. G. Birkeland of Whitehall, Wisc., announced.

A nation-wide survey of nursing services reveals an acute shortage of nurses in America. It is estimated that 381,886 nurses are needed to provide "absolutely minimum" civilian requirements, while there are only 330,000 active civilian nurses.

New York has 3,000 Chinese boys and girls and only 2 cases of juvenile delinquency among them the past 8 years. What's the explanation? Chinese teachers say it's Confucius' saying, "The misconduct of the child is the fault of the parents."

GIDEONS PLAN 53D CONVENTION

Announcement of the 53d annual international convention is being made by the Gideons, International, to take place July 23-28, 1952, in St. Louis,

Missouri. Eighteen committees are being formed to lay plans and prepare for this convention, and nationally known speakers will be occupying the program which the Gideons expect to attract whole families of Gideons.

HONG KONG CENTER FOR SCRIPTURES

Mr. David McGavin, Secretary at Bible House, reports that Hong Kong has now become a manufacturing center for Chinese translations of the Bible, from which are sent all over the world wherever there are Chinese people, Bibles in the Chinese language. Last year Bible House printed about 65,000 Bibles, 200,000 Testaments, and over 800,000 Gospels. These included cheap editions for the poorer people of China. Scriptures were also sent to prisoners of war of Chinese nationality in Korea. The work of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Hong Kong has been known from the earliest days of its existence in 1843. The cession of Hong Kong at the end of the Opium War of 1840-42 made Hong Kong the chief center of religious activity in the Far East during the 19th Century. It is rapidly assuming this same position now.

EXECUTIONS IN CHINA FOLLOW FAMILIAR PATTERN

The Hong Kong Standard noted

that the "re-education" camps are similar to the forced labor camps of Soviet Russia, and that "people's courts" have adopted a stiff new policy. These courts, the paper said, no longer grant defendants the right of "reforming themselves" through rigid indoctrination and controlled labor service. On the contrary, sentences have increased drastically.

"Like the Japanese military police of the old days," said the *Standard*, "Communist secret police have made a policy of swooping down on their 'wanted' men in predawn raids. Often those arrested have simply disappeared. In most cases, word eventually has been received that they were executed."

HEBREW REVIVED

The revival of ancient Hebrew as the official language of Israel is involving tremendous literary undertakings on short order. A new sixteen-volume Hebrew Encyclopaedia is being prepared for publication in Tel Aviv. Six hundred experts on various subjects and men of letters in the arts and sciences, including twenty-two Nobel Prize winners, are participating in the preparation of this monumental work. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, is honorary chairman of the committee promoting the Encyclopaedia.

A NORTH CLEVELAND, TENN., SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



1st Row, left to right—Phineas Symes, Robert Lemons, Harry Beabe, Thurston Spivey, LaVern Free.

2nd Row—Ralph Campbell, teacher; Wallace Coile, Robert Beabe, Ronnie Gree, Danny Morehead, Julian Burt.

3rd Row—Bobby Whitmire, Junior Prewhitt, Wendell Bright, Nell Lee, Eugene Skelton, Kermit Swiger, Jimmy Baldree, Brooklyn Free, amateur photographer with whose camera the picture was taken, and who developed the film.

4th Row—Owen Sellers, Doyle Fowler, Jerry Patterson, Eddie Cartwright.

CAN A SINNER BE SAVED BEFORE HE IS BAPTIZED IN WATER?

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by a certain clan, is contrary to reason. It is ridiculously incongruous. The Bible does not teach any such doctrine.

We shall let Paul himself settle the question: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water," Hebrews 10:22. First, a true heart, having been sprinkled from an evil conscience. After this, the body washed with pure water. This agrees perfectly with the order of salvation prescribed by Christ. "Cleanse FIRST that which is within the cup and platter, that the inside of them may be clean also," Matthew 23:26. Jesus tells us here that the inside is first to be cleansed; that is, the heart is to be first sprinkled from an evil conscience; after this the body is washed, or baptized with pure water.

Sinners are not fit to be baptized in water. John the Baptist said, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance," Matthew 3:7, 8. It is seen from this that John the Baptist refused to baptize them until they produced the fruit of God's Spirit, which infallibly verified a true repentance and reformation of life.

The theory that a dying sinner cannot be saved because there is no one there to baptize him is enough to make the angels weep. I feel constrained from the standpoint of duty to let the world know that God will have mercy on a dying sinner in a hospital, in prison, on the battlefield, or penned under a wrecked car. "Whoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ IS born of God." The verb is the present tense, which means that if you have faith, you also have the "birth." "Whoever believeth IS BORN." Not will be born when baptized, but IS born when he believes.

I believe in water baptism, but it is Christ's command for the saved, the believer, and not for the unsaved. It should follow one's new birth—not precede it.

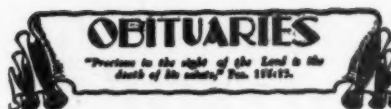
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principal message of the evening on "Behold the Man," St. John 19:5.

On the second night the service was opened by Rev. Ed Cox. Rev. E. W. Carden, pastor of the Church of God in Carmi, Ill., preached a thought-provoking message on the "Prophetic Message and It Fulfilled," Joel 2:28. Following an interesting report of the work on the Louisville District by the pastors, Rev. R. R. Walker spoke on the subject "Satisfied."

We were delighted to have Rev. Roby, pastor, and Mrs. Roby, of the Harlan Church of God; Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Carden and family, and Rev. M. B. Stephens, pastor, and Mrs. Stephens, of the Lexington Church of God, as well as many other friends, as our visitors during the convention. —Donna Short, Reporter.



DEATH UNITES GREAT EVANGELISTIC TEAM



You read a few months ago the following words in the death column of your *Evangel*, "Death Separates a Great Evangelistic Team." They have now joined hands again to reap their eternal reward. Yes, death brings the faithful couple together again. Sister Chambers was born Sept. 16, 1888, and died May 7, 1952. She was the faithful widow of the late Rev. S. C. Chambers, one of the most successful evangelists the Church of God ever had. Much of Brother Chamber's success was due to her consecrated, prayerful companionship. She was always near his side, in the unpleasant as well as pleasant places in life. Great will be her reward in heaven along with her husband. Sister Chamber lived to see all of her children saved and members of the Church of God. She is survived by 2 sons, Sam C., Augusta, Ga., and Leo, Orangeburg, S. C.; one daughter, Rev. Mrs. M. J. White, Hendersonville, N. C.; one brother, W. J. Huckleby, Muskogee, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. Katie Blyue, Short, Okla.; several grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews. Remember them in prayer.

An impressive funeral service was conducted at the Augusta, Ga., Church of God by the Reverends Earl Paulk and A. F. Newport. Interment was in the Walhalla No. 2, S. C., Church of God Cemetery. Long live the cherished memories of Brother and Sister Chambers. "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away" from this life to be renewed in life everlasting.

BYRD

On Feb. 29, 1952, the death angel claimed our precious brother, William Rex Byrd, 61 years of age. For many years he had lived a consecrated Christian life, and was a faithful member of the Church of God in Lakeland, Fla. He loved his church and served it as member of the council and finance board, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and teacher of the teachers. He was sick for a long time, during which time God dealt with him

in a wonderful way. He said many times that he wanted the perfect will of God to be done. Surviving him are his wife, one son, 5 daughters, his mother, 3 sisters, and one brother. I feel that he, like Paul, had finished his course and kept the faith, and a crown of righteousness was awaiting him.

God called our brother away one day;
"Your burdens are over," He said.
Through the dark valley, all of the way,
By the dear Saviour he was led.

"Not my will but thine be done,"
Was the burden of his prayer.
"Through chilly Jordan, over mountains steep,
Just so my Saviour is there."

We must be faithful, tried, and true
To heaven's great King on the throne,
To church and loved ones, family and friends,
And go where our brother has gone.

—His sister, Mrs. Maude Day, Lakeland, Fla.

DANEAU

Brother Thomas Daneau, born October 5, 1866, departed this life March 12, 1952. A native of Canada and reared in the Roman Catholic faith, he came to this country at an early age. About 28 years ago he was gloriously saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. He was a devout Christian and a loyal member of the Church of God at Easton, Maryland. He never tired of witnessing to others and admonishing them to "put on the whole armour of salvation." He leaves to mourn his passing 3 sons, 2 daughters, and a host of friends. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, William F. Morris, on Friday, March 14, 1952, at 2:30 p. m., at the Church of God in Easton, Maryland. Interment followed in Linchester Cemetery near Preston.—M. D. Tull, Clerk.

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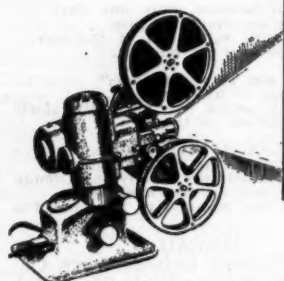
The death angels visited the home of our Brother Shelby Robinson and called him home to be with Jesus. We shall greatly miss our brother in service and many other ways. He was a faithful member and always willing to share the load. He wore a smile for everyone. He was loved by all who knew him, but we know our loss is heaven's eternal gain. Pray for the bereaved family.—J. B. Hubbard, Pastor, Vicco, Ky.

TUCKER

Sister Mattie Tucker, 46, wife of Oliver Tucker, passed away Feb. 1, 1952. She had been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost for 20 years. She was a charter member of the East Jenkins, Ky., Church of God. Sister Tucker was the mother of 6 children. She will be greatly missed by them and the entire church, but we know our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by her former pastor, Rev. Willie Cook.—Mrs. Velk Slaughter, Clerk.

HARVEY

Sister Rosa Harvey departed this life February 28, 1952, near the age of 82. She was a faithful charter member of the Church of God at Christian, W. Va. She is survived by 5 children. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Van Browning.—Church Reporter, Christian, W. Va.



LEE COLLEGE *in* Action

The film strip, "Lee College in Action," prepared by the Alumni Association, is now being shown throughout the United States. Many state overseers are showing this film in their state conventions and camp meetings.

Brother Walker is arranging for a Lee College student from his state to travel throughout Ohio showing the Lee College film.

West Virginia has tentative plans for two students to travel with the film this summer.

South Carolina is now in the process of having a Lee College rally on every district in the State, as well as showing the film in the local churches.

Many other state overseers are writing in for this film. If you desire information concerning it, write to the

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